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Celebration of Excellence



St Stephen's Catholic College held its annual Awards Presentation last night. Congratulations to year twelve students, Aaron Bryce - College Dux and Rotary All Rounder and Amelia Aitken - Sister Mary Stephen Memorial Shield.

NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Monday 6 November - Friday 10 November

Year 12 Block Exams

Tuesday 14 November

P & F Meeting

Friday 17 November

Year 12 Graduation Mass

Monday 20 – Friday 24 November

Year 11 Block Exams

Year 7 to 10 Exams

End of Year Mass

Wednesday 29 November

Year 6 Transition Day

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS BY PARENTS

Please note - collection of student by parents during the school day:

- Parents are to report to reception
- Students are to report to student services
- Students sign out before meeting parents at entrance to reception.

Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday

Recess 2 - MCR

Wednesday

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10 -12 only



CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S5 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Recess 2 and Thursday morning before school.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: Years 7 and 12 only
commence Monday 22 January
All Students - Tuesday 23 January
Term 1 ends: Thursday 29 March

Term 2: 17 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4 : 8 October to 30 November
Year 12 - 16 November

Student Free Days 2018

16 April and 22 October

ENROL NOW FOR 2018

All new students must have an enrolment interview. This includes those who already have siblings attending St Stephen's Catholic College. Contact the office for more information. Phone: 4086 2523

ABSENTEE E-MAIL

If your child is absent, please email
absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

Please inform the college if your child has achieved success in an extra-curricular activity not directly related to school, so that the college community can celebrate these achievements.

Please email Mrs Pinese (principal@sscc.qld.edu.au) with any information and photos.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address. Please email the office office@sscc.qld.edu.au or phone 4086 2500.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

“Education is the most important weapon we have to change the world.” (Nelson Mandela)

On Friday 27 October, our college community will celebrate World Teachers’ Day to recognise the great work of our dedicated teachers who strive to improve the educational outcomes of our students. This comes at an opportune time, a few days after the college’s Awards Night, when students who achieved excellence in a variety of fields were also acknowledged. While the education system is changing with the adoption of 21st century skills and the implementation of the new senior system in 2019, the positive relationship between students, teachers and their families remains a very significant factor in the achievement of improved student outcomes.

There is no magic formula for success---it involves hard work, the ability to bounce back after setbacks and the persistence to keep on trying. Therefore, it was pleasing to see so many students achieve excellence at the annual Awards Night on 25 October. They are to be congratulated for reaping the rewards of their efforts and letting their light shine. I extend the college’s gratitude to our families who joined us on this special occasion.

Much has been written about the relevance of 21st century skills for students. While academic rigour is important, students must also be able to collaborate, communicate, think critically and creatively and be flexible and adaptable to accommodate the many changes in employment that they will face in their life time. It is no longer sufficient to consider what career one will follow after school, but rather what skills are in one’s toolkit that can be transferred from one job to another.

The new senior system to be implemented with the current year nine students when they reach year eleven in 2019, has a strong focus on these skills. Throughout 2018, there will be dissemination of information to the 2018 year ten students and their parents about the new system. It is the most significant change in forty-four years, the focus of which is to ensure consistency

and fairness for all students in the senior school. In their final year of schooling, year twelve students will sit for three internal pieces of assessments and one external assessment exam which has been set by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Students who wish to undertake university courses will receive an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admittance Rank), with the highest score being 99.95. This change in university entrance puts Queensland in the same category as other Australian states.



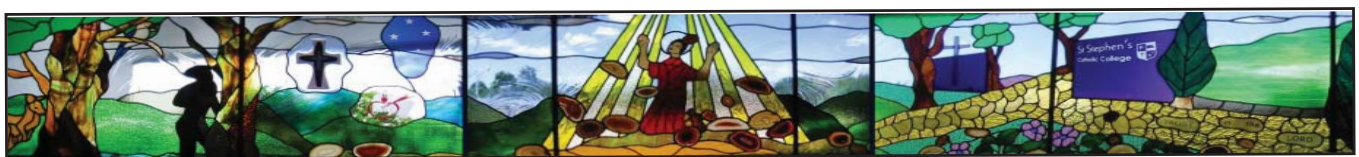
Regardless of the system in place, it is important that students strive to achieve their best—for some it is in the academic field, for others, success is found in cultural, sporting or community pursuits. Since the last newsletter, there have been several occasions when students of St Stephen’s have demonstrated excellence. While the Art Exhibition was a resounding success with students’ accomplished performance in drama, music and art on display, the college’s chess team attained second place in the regional finals in Brisbane. Not to be outdone, the years seven and eight girls’ cricket teams won at a regional level and are off to Brisbane in December to compete in the state titles. All these students are to be congratulated for their commitment to excellence in their chosen field.

With the end of the school year approaching, it is important that we know which students are returning in 2018, so that planning for the new year can occur. If your child is leaving St Stephen’s, I ask that you return the document that was sent home last week as soon as possible. In the next newsletter, I plan to notify our community of the staff who are joining us in 2018 and those who are relocating.

Thank you for your continued support and the feedback that you provide which enables us to refine our practices.

With Trust in the Lord

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Praying and Reflecting on Justice During Mission Month

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to reflecting on the central mission of the Church to help all Christians in their commitment to Christ's mission of love, mercy, forgiveness, peace and justice for the world. "I have come that they may have life, life in all its fullness," says Jesus in the Gospel of St John.



This message is the focus of World Mission Month in 2017 and highlights the work of Catholic Mission who seek see all people living a life of dignity. Year nine students were visited by Anna Jimenez from Catholic Mission and Anne Chellingworth, Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, on Thursday 12 October during Religion lessons and challenged to walk in the shoes of others by engaging in the 'Mission in 360' experience. "Mission in 360" uses virtual reality technology with footage shot in some of the poorest communities around the world to transport viewers into the scene so that they can be part of that life for a few minutes. Each student had a turn wearing specially designed goggles from Catholic Mission to explore communities in Uganda and Ethiopia. Students then worked in groups reflecting on services which are greatly valued by those in need, and often taken for granted by those living in countries such as Australia.

Mrs Laura Gilbert

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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - STUDENT DIVERSITY

Term four is well and truly underway!

It is an important term as teachers are finalising assessment in preparation for reporting. To assist with planning and to prevent unnecessary stress and anxiety, the term four assessment calendar is now available on the college website. Please support us in our efforts to keep monitoring your child's SRB that should be updated with assessment due dates, exam dates and other essential assessment details. We understand that this time of year is notoriously busy for all of us with celebrations for the festive season beginning many weeks before Christmas, so ensuring that your child understands when they have assessment due in the midst of this "busy"ness is extremely important. The Student Diversity Team is always available for students and their families with support and encouragement during this hectic time. However, once the demands and pressures are over, holiday breaks and vacations are a perfect time for all of us to take a break. Taking time off from regular tasks is important for proper brain function and health. This 'downtime' can help students to process experiences, consolidate memories, reinforce learning and regulate attention and emotions (Smith H, Scientific Learning).



We welcome Mrs Rosetta Musso as our full time administrative assistant in Student Diversity. Mrs Musso brings with her valuable skills that have already helped us all so don't be surprised if you received emails or phone calls from Mrs Musso. Thank you for your continued support with the Personalised Learning Plan Meetings (changed from Individual Education Plans) over the past few weeks. If you still need to make an appointment to attend this meeting for your child, please call or email 4086 2526 or gmusch@sscc.qld.edu.au

I will be continuing as Curriculum Leader – Student Diversity in 2018 and exciting news is that we will have a new Learning Support Teacher and a new Learning Support Officer joining our team!

Remember Proverbs 16:3:

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Mrs Gail Musch

Middle Leader Curriculum - Student Diversity

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In August this year, students and teachers from Noah Foreign Language Institute visited St Stephen's Catholic College and St Thomas of Villanova for two days. They really enjoyed participating in classes, meeting students, playing games and started to understand what it is like to be a student at an Australian school. The students of St Stephen's and St Thomas' schools also gained some understanding of their new Japanese friends. The difference in language did not seem too much of a barrier and the Japanese students really did try to converse in English and our students tried out their Japanese also. A huge thank you to the Principals and Staff of St Stephen's and St Thomas for their kindness in allowing the students to come and be part of our school life. Thank you also to all the students that volunteered to be a "buddy" for the day. Another huge thank you to the homestay families that generously opened their homes and hearts to our visitors. ***"This capacity for empathy leads to a genuine encounter – we have to progress toward this culture of encounter – in which heart speaks to heart."*** Pope Francis



FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR

Recently, Mrs Margie Bestmann spoke at our college assembly about the importance of having good mental health, checking in with others regularly and helping each other to get professional assistance if we are feeling unwell. A visit to your doctor is often a good place to start as you will be able to ask for a Mental Health Plan which will assist with the financial cost of seeing a mental health professional. You can usually receive between 6-10 subsidised visits to see a psychologist per calendar year.



There are also several online websites which provide accurate information and resources such as:

- Reachout.com: <https://au.reachout.com>. They have a list of 30 evidence based Apps and tools that can help a young person to improve their mental health and wellbeing. There are videos to watch and information on a range of topics such as sadness, coping, stress, isolation and loneliness.
- Eheadspace: www.eheadspace.org.au - They offer a confidential, free and secure space where young people aged 12 to 25 or their family can chat, email or speak on the phone with a qualified youth mental health professional. Phone 1800 650 890 (seven days per week from 9.00 am to 1.00 am AEST).
- Headspace: www.headspace.org.au. Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12 to 25 years (Cairns has an office).
- Youth Beyond Blue: www.youthbeyondblue.com. Focus on depression and anxiety. Their website states that 1 in 4 young people experience a mental health condition and suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15 to 24 according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- R U OK?: www.ruok.org.au. Suicide prevention charity in Australia, reminding people to have meaningful conversations with mates and loved ones that could save lives.
- Lifeline: www.lifeline.org.au. Phone: 13 11 14 Crisis Support and Suicide Prevention
- Mareeba Community Mental Health Services 4092 9171
- Atherton Community Mental Health Services 4091 0213

I am available every day at school to assist young people with their mental health issues. We can work together to assist the young person to learn some strategies to improve their mental well-being or refer them to other mental health professionals. I can also confidentially inform teachers that the young person may need some assistance with meeting assessment and homework timelines. I hope that you will find the information on these websites useful.

Best wishes

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T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP



Congratulations to the St Stephen's Catholic College Girls T20 Cricket team, as they are off to Brisbane on 30 November and 1 December to play in the T20 Blast Queensland Cup. Their win against Atherton State High School recently (148 runs to 109) earned the team the right to go that step further. Today, the team along with Mr O'Hallahan and Mr McLennan met for a working lunch to starting talking tactics and planning their grant final win! Well done girls and all the very best for the Queensland Cup.



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL - YEARS 7 AND 8

***“There are no secrets to success.
It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”***
Colin Powell



Term four is flying by and the holidays will be here before we know it. Firstly, I would like to thank all the students who attended St Stephen's Day on the last day of term three. It was a great day and it was wonderful to see all homeforms join together to organise fantastic stalls. A special mention must go to 8.2 for having the best bake stall I have ever seen. The food that was provided from Deacon was top quality and very, very, delicious.

Earlier this term, most of the year eight students and home form teachers enjoyed a community day at Sugarworld, in Edmonton. This was a fantastic opportunity for our year eight cohort to have fun outside the classroom with their classmates and homeform teachers. Students should be commended on their participation and exceptional behaviour throughout the day. A huge thank you to Ebony and her team from Sugarworld for providing a marvellous venue and amazing hospitality and RTM Bus Services for excellent transport. Also a special mention to Mrs Holden, Mrs Lowerson, Mr O'Hallahan, Mr McLennan, Mr O'Neill and Mrs Hubner for giving up their time to be part of this day. Their help and support was greatly appreciated and valued.

Congratulations to those students who received awards at our annual Awards Night. It is fantastic to see such an extensive list of students who have been consistently working hard to achieve their best in a variety of fields.

Best of luck to all students during these final few weeks of school. Even though our school year is nearly at a close, there is still plenty of work to do and assessments to be completed. Students will still have tests and assignments right up until the last day of school - Friday 24 November.

It is important that student's top-up their stationery items as many year eights are missing glue, scissors and correction tape, and it is essential that they are organised for each lesson.

I wish all the year eight's the best for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Jayarani Salerno

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“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.” Conrad Hilton



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL - YEARS 9 AND 10

Ever tried eating a whole salami at once?

Impossible! But slice the salami up and suddenly it is much more palatable and manageable. Many students make the mistake of diving into a large piece of work before carefully thinking through the steps and processes that are needed to successfully complete the task. Or even worse, they don't even start the task for ages as it all seems too overwhelming. It's that time of the school term when assessment is issued to students across all subject areas.

It is important that students, firstly, take the time to "slice" their assessment into smaller pieces or chunks so as to make the "eating" more manageable. This might take the following forms:

- Break the task down into specific stages and manageable steps.
- See if you can divide these steps even further (or slice them any thinner!).
- Tackle them one by one.
- Record due dates in SRB's as reminders and targets for goals; include dates for completing the smaller slices along the way to the final due date.
- Work backward from the due date – what is needed to meet the deadline or deadlines along the way?
- Be flexible and prepared to adjust schedules and/or tasks. Sometimes giving up a Saturday morning to stay on track might be necessary.
- Keep track and reschedule any work not completed.
- Actively seek support from teachers – this is a good way to get clarification around what is needed on a piece of assessment.

As a parent, please approach teaching staff yourself if you are concerned about any aspect of your child's assessment.

Congratulations goes to those students who were recognised for their academic achievements at this year's Awards Night. A number of students in years nine and ten were rewarded for their achievements in academic, sporting and cultural areas. Congratulations also goes to other students who have been successful in a variety of other areas and recent events including soccer, cricket, equestrian, Arts Exhibition, chess and mountain biking.

It is great to see students involved in extra-curricular activities.

Please feel free to let me know of any activities your child may be participating in – it's good to know what students are up to, besides their class work.



On assembly this week, I reminded students of college expectations around assessment. Of particular note was policy around requests for extensions as a result of absence from school. In short, an extension to a due date can only be granted in extenuating circumstances. Students were strongly encouraged to speak with teachers if they have any concern around assessment and due dates. Please check with your child to see if they have all due dates clearly marked in their SRB; this should include draft and final due dates.

Year nine students will travel to Sugarworld next week for their community day. It will be a nice opportunity to further development positive relationships among staff and students away from the rigour of regular school work.

As we find ourselves at the half way mark of our final term, I ask that parents continue to monitor and support their children in each of the following areas – emotional well-being, completion of school work and assessment, involvement in out of school activities and adherence to school rules and expectations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of any additional support or assistance in your child's education.

God bless

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ST STEPHEN'S GOLF OPEN

The sixth St Stephen's Golf Open was held on Wednesday 18 October. Once again I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all participants for their sportsmanship, etiquette and manners. I received positive feedback from the Mareeba Golf Club staff. Official presentations will occur at a later school assembly. Results from the day are as follows:



Winner: Thomas Hallam 94
Runner Up: Darcy Hallam 95
Third: Logan Poggioli 106 (on a countback)
Fourth: Thomas Flynn 106



2012 – Karlee Reid
2013- Alex Redding
2014 - Hayden Lee
2015 – Hayden Lee
2016 – Thomas Hallam
2017 – Thomas Hallam



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HAYLEY SKINNER

Hayley Skinner competed at the Pony Club Championships during the last school holidays and in her Queensland Uniform. She represented Queensland in the quiz section of the Pony Club National Championships in Toowoomba and was appointed captain of the junior team which went on to win the title. She then competed at the State Championships winning multiple ribbons and her team was fourth in the state overall in Mounted Games. Congratulations Hayley on your achievements and dedication to your sport!



GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

St Stephen's Catholic College is extremely proud of the following students who have been selected to carry the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton. Pictured from left to right: Tyler Lus (year nine), Sabine Conolly (year twelve), Callum McCarthy (year eleven) and Nadia Falvo (year eleven).



BRENDAN WRIGHT

Brendan Wright competed in the Far North Queensland Country Music Festival, held in Mareeba recently. He competed in four sections of the competition and was awarded the Overall Junior Winner for 2017.

He was also the successful recipient of a scholarship to attend the CMAA Academy of Country Music in Tamworth, in July next year, where he will have the opportunity to participate in singing and performing workshops, and work closely with professional country singers and songwriters.

Congratulations Brendan!



CHESS - QUEENSLAND STATE FINALS

St Stephen's Chess Team competed at the Queensland State Finals which was held at Anglican Church Grammar school on 14 and 15 October. The team consisting of Hunter Liebold (year twelve), Aaron Bryce (year twelve), Brandon Osborne (year eleven) and Caleb Shorey (year nine) came tied for sixth place overall out of the 18 schools in the Secondary competition and second place behind Townsville Grammar School in the Regional Secondary division. Brandon Osborne won Board 4 for the Regional Division with four wins from his six games. The team advanced to the State Finals after winning the Far North Queensland championships earlier in the year and they managed to hold their own against the strong opposition from some of the most prestigious schools in the state. The students endured two long days of competition, with a number of games lasting for more than two hours. We would like to thank Mr Mike Harnischfeger for coaching the team and supervising at the competition. We would also like to thank the St Stephen's P and F, Amaroo Medical and the Sonia Fenwick Trust (Apels Solicitors and Notary) for their sponsorship of the Chess team.



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WORLD TEACHERS DAY



"If ever you become discouraged and doubt that you are positively influencing others, then know that part of you will be flying with every pilot, building with every architect, diagnosing with every doctor, creating with every artist, fashioning with every craftsman, and teaching with every teacher. More than that, part of you will be woven into the fabric of every sound marriage and every good home. You are making your way into the hearts and minds of the children and youth you teach and lead. You are leaving a very valuable legacy for future generations."
(Cardinal Williams, New Zealand, 2000)



Thank you for all that you do
for our children every day.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

Families in Catholic schools in QLD wish their teachers
HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2017

AWARDS NIGHT



From left to right: Mrs Daniela Soncin with Emily Ernst (TAFE at School Award), Leon Peressini (Trade Training Centre Award) with Mr Mark Aitken, Ms Maryanne Tranter with Chloe Adil (Vocational Student of the Year Award) and Mrs Ann-Maree Zugno with Sabine Conolly (Mareeba/Dimbulah Community Bank Award for Citizenship).



Mayor Tom Gilmore presents the trophies to the Sportspeople of the Year, from left to right: Junior Sportswoman - Abby Taylor, Junior Sportsman - Deane Alterio, Senior Sportswoman - Sophie Raciti and Senior Sportsman - Liam Eastgate-Hards.



From left to right: Amelia Aitken with Mr Michael Harnischfeger (Amaroo Medical Bursary), Mr Robert Cater with Sabine Conolly (Claude Cater Mensland Business/Law Studies Bursary), Mrs Fay McGrath with Alex Phillips (Evan and Fay McGrath Educational Studies Bursary) and Mr Joe Moro with Lauren Davis (Mareeba Chamber of Commerce Business Encouragement Award).



From left to right: Ashley Greenwood and Mr Micheli Borzi (St Stephen's Public Speaking Award), Ms Cheryl Maddox with Jamie Malcolm (A Community Theatre Drama Award) and Mrs Carolyn Tomerini with Leisl Askey-Doran (Cultural Award).

AWARDS NIGHT



The Most Reverend James Foley - Bishop of Cairns presented the Academic Medals to (top row from left to right): Alannah Falvo (year seven), Tahlia Spena (year eight), Giulia Pilat (year nine), Aarin Ryan (year nine), Megan Crane (year ten) and Ellana Spena (year eleven). Mr Bill Dixon - Executive Director of Catholic Education Services, presented the Runner Up to the Dux Medal to Marco Soncin (year twelve). Dr Ann Aitken with Elena Pilat (P and F Association Citizenship Award).



Above left: Mrs Michelle Bryce with Rhyanne Yow-Yeh and James Dean Cummings (JCU Academic Encouragement Awards).



Above: Mr Ian Davis - Deputy Executive Director of Catholic Education Services, presented Tulani Lea'uanae, Ashley Greenwood, Matthew Cheesman and Amelia Aitken with their College Captain Awards.



Leut Craig Blackburn with Deborah Hermanus (left) (Year 10 ADF Leadership Award) and Matthew Cheesman (right) (Year 12 ADF Leadership Award).



The SSCC Annual

St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Hamper Appeal

2017



What you need to do...

Step 1: Get Mum/Dad to add items to shopping list each week.

Step 2: Bring items to home form; place in hamper.

Step 3: Class SRC Rep daily empties hamper at the glass room in S8.

Having trouble with ideas?



Non-perishable foods are a great option!

- Tinned ham
- Christmas pudding
- Candy canes
- Packets of chips, crackers, lollies, shortbreads, etc.



Sealed drinks would be greatly appreciated!

- Soft drinks
- Juices
- Cordial



Celebratory items are a must at Christmas!

- Bon-bons
- Party poppers
- Christmas decorations
- Disposable cups, plates, cutlery